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Re: Filing of New U.S. Utility Patent Application

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ADMINISTERING A

FINANCIAL PROGRAM INVOLVING THE

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Dear Sir:

Attached is a new patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including sixty-six (66) pages of Specification, six (6) pages of Claims (numbered 1-21), one (1) page Abstract, forty-three (43) sheets of Drawings (labeled FIGS. 1-43), an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, an Assignment with accompanying Cover Sheet, and an Information Disclosure Statement. This application claims priority based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/224,234, filed on August 10, 2000.

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